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**Next Two Meetings: January meeting held early, explanation below.
February 16 2019 at 12 noon, Two Bit Cafe, 25th street**



Special note: Ogden City has locked the restoration shop for now. We are awaiting a new Occupancy Agreement from the city before we can continue work on the 223. Hopefully this

should not be long. In the meantime, our normal Saturday, January 12, 223 work session was held at Steve Jone's office conference room. We decided to make it our January business meeting since nearly everyone was there. Hence the the above header meeting notice for January.

Meeting Notes for Nov. 15, 2018

Treasurer's report: Balance of \$14,342.62. Paint for the tender was \$1800

223 report: The tender was painted by Joshua Perry and Scott Pitman over a two day period. The Primer coat, application of stencils then final coat and peeling the letter stencils. Some touchup will be needed around the edges of some of the letters but overall the tender looks good.

The Frame is being prepped for sand blasting along with a number of smaller items.

Joshua Bernhard found a fellow who has a refurbished machine shop in the Provo area. He works for Amtrak and is interested in making us a proposal to do work on the 223 restoration at his shop.

Wooden disks have been fashioned to cover the Cylinder openings.

We're still waiting for documents concerning ownership of the 223 from the Utah Historical Society.

We received a \$5,000 grant to repair the shop door. However there are complications concerning the fact that the building is on the historical registry and there are a number of regulations that need to be met.

So far no word from the Colorado Rail Museum regarding documents about the 223.

Plans for the R&LHS convention in Ogden are proceeding. Room rentals were announced to the membership and are going fast. Registration information will be available after January 1st.

We are considering a group ride on the Heber Valley Railroad if arrangements can be made.

information supplied by Steve Jones will be writing an article for the newspaper.

Steve Tasker will also be working on the ash pan. Some metal sections will need to be replaced. Others are still good and just need sandblasting.

Nominations for 2019 officers will be made in January then elections in February.

Meeting Notes for January 12

Meeting was held in the conference room of Steve Jones's office suite.

Since the restoration shop is locked for the time being the 223 crew assembled at the conference room to discuss matters concerning the 223 and our chapter business.

The State of Utah and City of Ogden are negotiating the transfer of ownership of the 223 to the City which means, in this case, the museum. A number of bureaucratic hoops need to be jumped through in order for this to happen.

Along with the City taking over all administrative control of the Union Station, our continued presence and work in the restoration shop will require an occupancy agreement. This is forthcoming but the timing is uncertain. In the meantime we will not be allowed in the shop. Since we are at a point in the restoration where major work has to be shopped out and will be expensive, we are not hampered much by not being in the shop for now.

Shaun Nelson has agreed to take over as webmaster for our Chapter and the 223. He brings a lot of skills and knowledge of the workings of internet and social media to do a complete makeover of our internet presence.

Shaun has purchased for the Chapter, 4 domain names that will interconnect: gsrlhs.org and .com; save223.org and .com. These are active but there is not any content as yet. You can bookmark these and check back now and then to see the progress. The save223 website will have direct connections to donation services to support the restoration. Also the websites will relate to the 223 Facebook. So exciting things are happening on the digital side of things.

Steve is working on getting an ownership transfer of the Spotlight King celebrity photo collection. We are planning some way to develop a story around Spotlight and these pho-

Meeting Notes for Dec. 22

Treasurer's report: Balance of \$13,891.84

223 report: Colorado museum has found a number of blueprints and stats for the 223 or equivalent C16 model. It will cost us a few hundred to have copies made and sent.

Adam Pinales, owner of a shop with recovered machinery from an old round house in Provo is putting together a proposal to work on our 223 drivers and frame.

Crewman Steve Tasker has taken a number of smaller parts in his truck to be sand blasted.

An Ogden Standard Examiner newspaper reporter and photographer visited the shop and along with

tos. Spotlight was a dining car waiter on the Union Pacific and has a colorful history.

Convention News: Applications are now available from the national R&LHS, the fee is \$400 all inclusive. Hotel rooms are booking rapidly. You're encouraged to apply as soon as possible if you are planning to be in Ogden for this exciting event.

Chairman's Message

With the start of 2019 planning activities are in high gear for the 150th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike. Lee Witten is our liaison with national and is working with the Spike150 planning groups and for the Golden Spike Chapter to host the annual members' meeting during this celebration May 8th through 12th. We have had to almost double the number of rooms originally anticipated to accommodate the number of people interested. This is going to be a sellout event so please make sure to register early <http://www.rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/>.

A year ago I discussed breaking the 223 restoration project down into 3 major component subsystems with teams focused on each area.

- Completion of the tender
- Frame, running gear, and wheelsets
- Boiler certification, repair, or replacement

I'm happy to share that at last Saturday's work session we removed the temporary paint booth plastic surrounding the tender so that we could get a really good look at the paint job, lettering, and logo. You can all be proud of the job that we did. It's a showpiece! I'm sure that Lee will provide some photos. The paint booth is being reconstructed in another area of the shop so that we can prime and paint smaller parts as they are cleaned and sandblasted.

There are several new relationships under development that will expedite our efforts to work on the running gear and boiler. Watch our social media announcements in the coming months for details.

A short while ago one of the Union Station staff found that the Utah Division of State History has a large collection of artifacts relating to the 223 locomotive <https://heritage.utah.gov/apps/history/findaids/C01583/C1583.xml#a9>. We are in discussions with them to get digital copies of this

information to further document the history of 223 and as backup information for our fundraising efforts.

Fundraising and messaging are going to be more critical than ever as a number of the current activities require outside services to supplement our valuable volunteers. Shaun Nelson has agreed to lead the effort to revamp our web site and has some good ideas for coordinating content with social media to come up with a way of making sure that we have a unified and consistent message across our web site, Facebook page, on the various railroad forums, etc. Please give Shaun any help you can in making this happen.

Lee Secrist surprised us all with the donation of a large tool chest for the restoration shop. We had to re-arrange some of the equipment in the shop to find an appropriate place for this new acquisition. Our members are working on re-organizing our storage areas to get our tools better organized. As one of the folks working on this said "Where did all these hammers come from?"

For those of you who are procrastinators remember that national and chapter dues are due. You can download the form from the R&LHS national web site <http://rlhs.org/Membership/index.shtml>.

Our mission of seeing the 223 restored to operation and being involved with all of the other restoration and railroad heritage activities here at Ogden Union Station takes both commitment and money. I ask each and every one of you to get involved with helping the Golden Spike Chapter move into the future. Become active in the organization and help keep that whistle blowin'.

Chapter Elections:

Nominations are being made for 2019 officers. Election will be in Feb. A ballot will be printed in the next newsletter.

Nominations so far are: Steve Jones - Chairman; Lee Secrist - Vice Chair and USRMA representative; Lee Witten - Secretary; Maurice Greeson - Treasurer; Joshua Perry, John Barrett and Joshua Bernhard - Directors.

223 News and Images



Wooden covers were fashioned for the pistons in order to protect the inner walls during sand blasting. While fitting the larger cover it was discovered that the lining sleeve was cracked. This will of course have to be dealt with down the line.



The plastic painting curtain was taken down and we got our first good look at the finished tender.



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